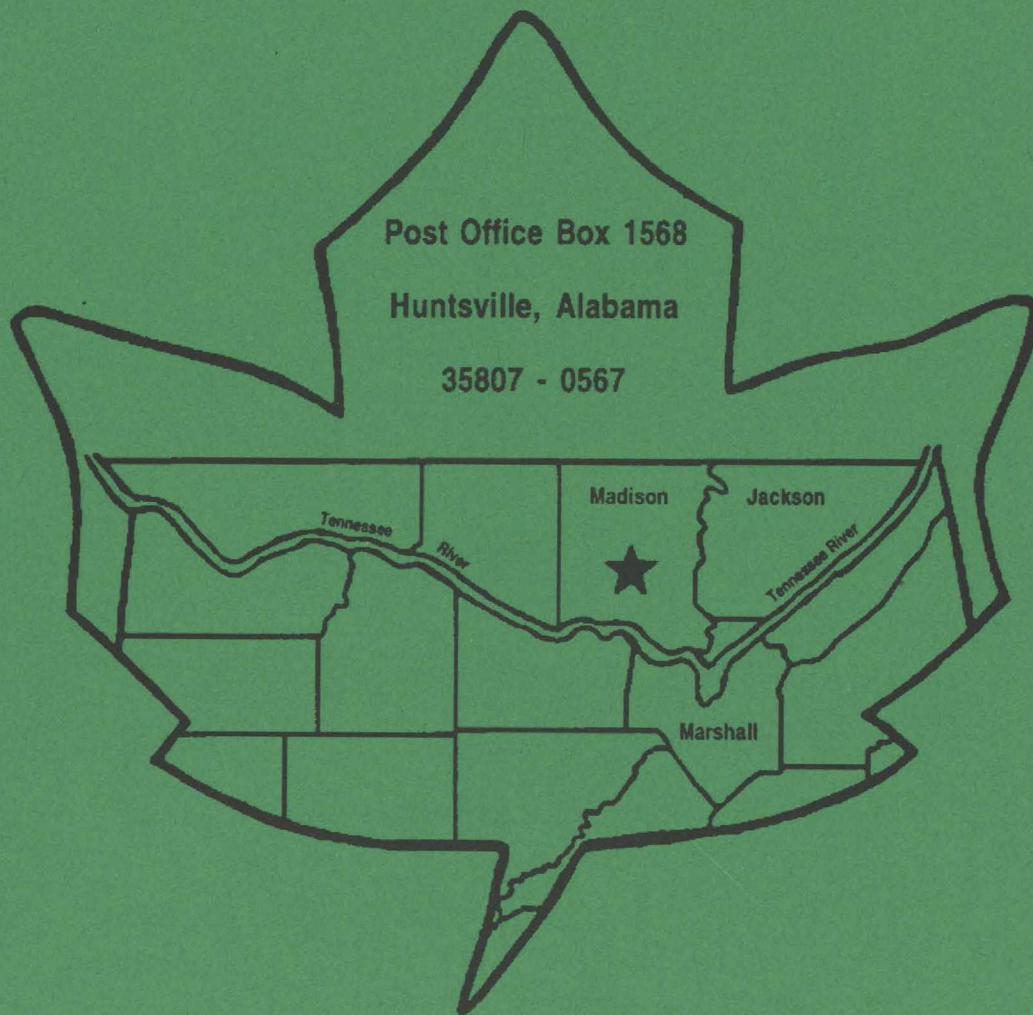

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Jackson County

Newspaper Articles by Addie Shaver

Copied, Abstracted, and Contributed by
Dorothy Scott Johnson

Sometimes the good works of a person far outlives them. This is the case here. The late Addie Katharine Shaver was a stalwart in Jackson County research, genealogy and history for many years, and she is terribly missed. Her work was so exceptional, however, that it has survived her and will continue to do so for many generations. We are very grateful to her for her work of which we pass part of it on to you in this article.

These articles were copied at random and are not in any particular order. Mrs. Shaver gave a brief explanation where information was available. In those days, sometimes very little data was given.

The Huntsville Democrat, 23 March 1836.

State of Alabama, Jackson County, Orphans Court, Feb. 2, 1836.

This day the Administrator of the estate of Moses Swaim, deceased, filed in the office of the clerk of the County Court of said County, the accounts and vouchers belonging to the said deceased's estate, for final settlement. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that publication be made for forty days in *The Democrat*, printed in the town of Huntsville, requiring all persons interested or holding claims against said Estate to be and appear before the Judge of the County Court of said County, at the Courthouse in the town of Bellefonte, on the 7th April next, to show cause if any they have or can show why final settlement aforesaid of said decedent's estate shall not be made and accounts recorded. /s/ R. G. Clayton, CCC.¹

¹ This is the great-great-grandfather of Addie (Stovall) Shaver and the father of Moses Swaim, early settler of the Estill Fork area. Moses had a total of 25 children.

After the death of this wife in North Carolina he disposed of his property in various ways and moved to Jackson County, Alabama to be near his son, Moses Jr. He was known as

Huntsville Advocate, 2 Nov 1869.

Married in Paint Rock Valley, Jackson County, on 20th [Oct.] by Rev. William Gayle, Rev. Douglas S. Collins to Miss Sally Ann Ivey.²

Huntsville Advocate, 22 Dec 1871

Married on the 13th by Rev. J. J. Beeson, Mr. Rice W. Collins to Miss Letetia Bynum, all of Jackson Co., Alabama.

Huntsville Advocate, 9 April 1867.

State of Alabama, Jackson County, Court of Probate, June 25, 1867. Estate of Adam L. Hyder, decd., Robert L. Austin, Admr.³

Moses Sr. Very little has been found about him in Jackson County as the records were destroyed when the courthouse burned. These articles were found in a Huntsville newspaper. (See Moses Swaim family in this history for more information.)

² Rev. Douglas S. Collins was the son of Archibald W. Collins and his third wife, Frances F. Martin. He and his wife are buried in Ingles Cemetery at Carns, Jackson Co., Al. (See Collins family).

³ Adam L. Hyder's estate settlement will be found in this history.

The Democrat, 17 Jan 1837

Adv. Town of Hopkinsville on Paint Rock River, Jackson County. Samuel McDavid, and A. J. Lindsey, proprietors.⁴

Huntsville Democrat, 7 May 1836.

Orphans Court, 6 May 1836. James G. McElyea filed petition that he purchase from John P. McElyea the NE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 25, Township 1, Range 4 East containing 39.91 acres. The said John P. McElyea has since departed this life without making a title. Whereas Jesse McElyea of said [Jackson] County has been appointed administrator of said deceased. James G. McElyea prays the Court that said Jesse McElyea ...convey him the title ... to appear all persons interested at the Courthouse in the town of Belfonte⁵ on the 13th August next to show cause, if any, [why title should not be made.]

Huntsville Democrat. Wed., 11 Dec 1844.

Married on Sunday the 24th [Nov.] ult. By Francis E. Harris, Esq., Mr. Samuel H. Clopton to Mrs. Mary Williamson, daughter of Theophilus Pennington, all of Jackson County, Alabama.

[Unknown newspaper and date]

Mrs. Tishie Browning Terry of Winchester [Tn.] died Tuesday at Franklin County Hospital at age 90. Service will be conducted at 1:00 p. m. today at Cartner Funeral Home, the Rev. James McCaleb officiating. Burial will be in Brown Chapel Cemetery in Lincoln County [Tn.]. A native of Jackson County, Ala. Mrs. Terry was the daughter of John and Minerva Riddle Browning. Survivors are two sons,

⁴ What was the exact location of this town?

⁵ This name is actually Bellefonte.

Crawford and Finis Howell of Owens Cross Roads [Madison Co.], Ala; A daughter, Mrs. Annie Albright, Mrs. Mary Terry, both of Huntland [Tn.]; two brothers, Jim Browning, Winchester, [Tn] and Harvie Browning, Dechard [Tn.]; 15 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren.⁶

The Fellow Citizen, Friday, 7 June 1876, Paint Rock Valley.

The health of the valley continues bad and several deaths of late. Furman Fowler, Esq., an old citizen, died at his residence in Fowler's Cove on the 21st ult, at the age of 83. The deceased has been a resident citizen of the Valley for near half a century and most of that time serving the people in a public capacity and at one time a prominent candidate for the legislature.

Also on the 27th ult at the old homestead on Hurricane Fork, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter deceased. She, too, was one among the first settlers in the valley. Captain W. H. Prince is still lingering and his recovery doubtful.

Mrs. A. Sisk is very sick and many others in the Valley.⁷

The Fellow Citizen, Friday, 22 Feb 1878. Several deaths of late have occurred in our Valley. Mrs. Lydia Trise, upward of 80 years of age, and for

⁶ This family connects to Rev. Crawford Howell of Paint Rock Valley.

⁷ See Fowler family. I am not sure who Mrs. Elizabeth Carter was. William H. Prince was the grandfather of Pete Price of Estill Fork. He married Mary Jane Swaim, daughter of W. J. "Pete" Swaim. See both Swaim and Prince families. William H. Prince actually died 18 July 1878 and is buried in the Prince family cemetery on Hurricane Creek. I believe Elizabeth Carter was the widow of Meredith Carter.

more than half a century a constant member of the Baptist Church, died on the 6th inst. at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. David Swearingin. She, at her death, was the mother and grandmother and great-grandmother of 88 children. Some of the best families and most prominent citizens of upper Paint Rock Valley are her children.⁸

The Fellow Citizen, 26 July 1878. Paint Rock Valley.

Three deaths occurred in the community last week. Reuben Golden, an old citizen near seventy years of age, died on the 13th.

Capt. W. H. Prince, an old and esteemed citizen, died on the 18th after a lingering illness of two months and thirteen days. His remains were followed to the grave by a large crowd of relatives and friends.

An infant son of J. C. J. and Joannah Vanzandt died on the 19th.

A. E. McCullough and family have gone to the Chalybeate Springs on the mountain. Others are going.

Judge William McCullough of Georgia, a brother of A. E. McCullough, is out at the Allegheny Springs on the mountain. This spring is likely to become a popular resort for invalids.⁹

Progressive Age, Thursday, 10 Dec 1903.

Fire at Paint Rock

The depot at Paint Rock Station was burned last Monday night, thought to have caught from a defective flue. There was a good deal of freight in the building and on the platform. The cotton was all saved. Harry Hill, C. C. Keel and

⁸ See Trice family.

⁹ See McCullough family. Where are these springs located?

Stanley Massey were slightly injured in fighting the fire. The fire occurred about nine o'clock at night.

The Progressive Age, Thursday, 31 Dec 1903.

Francisco News

There were two weddings here last Sunday. W. H. Summerall to Miss Jennie Graham and John Grass to Miss Betty Green.

James F. Graham is in a very critical condition from the effects ...[illegible]...a contused wound on the head ...[?]. Last Tuesday the 15th inst. Graham went to New Market and got dry goods and on Wednesday morning he was found in an old out house in a ...conscious condition and...cold. Soon afterwards he ...in charge by his son and br[other?] were staying at a lumber ...miles from the town and wa... into camps and medical ...procured but the doctor failed to give him relief. After remaining in a stupor until Sunday another doctor was called in and upon examination a wound was discovered on the back of the head.

On Sunday he was brought ...home. In the neighborhood ...Monday an operation was performed on him but he was no better and the doctors have no hopes of recovery.

It is unknown how or by what means Graham sustained his injuries but it is thought to have been the work of foul play by some person.

Unknown newspaper and date

Thomas Henshaw in account to J. H. Hardin in the year 1868 for tuition to private school: \$13.81¼ interest to date, - July 7, 1869, 56¢ = \$14.37¼.¹⁰

¹⁰ Thomas Henshaw, a very old settler, and his children were being taught by him.

Progressive Age, Thurs., Dec. 31, 1903.

Garth News

Married on the 21st Mr. D. Knight and Miss Archie Hinshaw at the home of the bride. We wish them a long and happy life.

Progressive Age, Dec. 24, 1903.

Shooting at Gurley

Tuesday night about 7 o'clock Marshall Teasdale of Gurley was shot through the head but it is thought the wound will not prove fatal.

A party of young men from Jackson County was at Gurley that day and the Marshall arrested one of them, Albert Trice, and had started with him from the depot toward the business part of town when a shot was fired and the Marshall fell. The ball entered the jaw coming out the side of the head.

The wounded man rested well last night and there are hopes for his recovery. The shooting was done in the dark and so far no one has been found who can say who did the shooting or who knew the circumstances connected with it.

The party was composed of two Trice boys, Walter and Albert, Bass Stovall, Mark Thompson and Robert Bridges, Jr. They all belong to prominent Paint Rock Valley families and will no doubt give themselves up to authorities at the proper time if they are wanted.

Huntsville Democrat, July 10, 1836.

The undersigned will give a barbecue at Trenton on the 23rd of July. A large assembly is expected to be present. The candidates will do well to attend. /s/ Thomas McClure.¹¹

¹¹ Thomas McClure is not found in either the 1830 or 1840 census of Jackson County. He must have been an outsider. [Thomas McClure

Huntsville Advocate, 13 March 1857.

Died at the residence of her husband, near Camden, Jackson County, of Measles, Nancy Ann Butler in her 26th year. Leaves a husband and three infant children.¹²

Progressive Age, 10 June 1908

The WOW held service Sunday at the Jones Cemetery and decorated the grave of their deceased brother, F. A. Pierce.¹³

Progressive Age, 5 March 1902.

In Memoriam

John A. Thompson was born Oct. 11, 1876, married to Miss Roxie Swaim Dec. 25, 1899, age 26 years, 4 mo. and 3 days.

He leaves a father, mother, wife and two children, sisters and brothers. Buried in Thompson Cemetery.

The Scottsboro Industrial Herald, 20 Jan 1870.

Paint Rock Station was literally destroyed with a storm last Monday morning.

was enumerated in the Franklin Co., Tenn 1830 census: 1 m (0-5), 3 m (5-10), 2 m (10-15), 1 m (15-20), 1 m (30-40); 1 f (0-5), 1 f (30-40).

¹² The 1850 census has the following family living near Paint Rock, family No. 35:

Butler, William	25	stone mason	Al
Nancy A.	29		Al
Sarah F.	1		Al

This should be the right party as age and location fit.

¹³ This was the Jones-Beal Cemetery near Paint Rock which has the following graves: Woodman of the World Memorial stone of:

Frank A. Pierce
Born Aug. 28, 1866
Died Oct. 14, 1907

Willie May Pierce
1903 - 1906.

Willie May was probably a daughter.

The Progressive Age, 21 May 1891

Reported that deed book No. 14 had been stolen from Courthouse.¹⁴

Huntsville Republican, 17 Aug 1821.

Married on 9th of August, 1821 by Rev. William Woods, William Robertson of Madison County to amiable Frances H. Calloway, daughter of Col. Richard Calloway of Franklin Co., Tenn.¹⁵

Huntsville Mercury. No date.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Addie Tate Rice, wife of our brother Dr. Francisco Rice, born March 25, 1838, died October 30, 1885. They were married March 25, 1860 and eight children were born to them; five survive her. By Cumberland Lodge, I. O. O. F.¹⁶

The Democrat, 25 July 1840

Paint Rock Valley (Jackson Co.), Trenton, 2 July 1840.

¹⁴ As of 5 July 1985 it had not been recovered.

¹⁵ See the Robertson family.

¹⁶ The village of Francisco in Paint Rock Valley was named for Doctor Francisco Rice. A first wife of Dr. Rice is buried in the Taliaferro Cemetery at Princeton, Al. Her marker reads:

Sacred to the Memory of
Cyrena C.

Consort of Dr. F. Rice

Born Nov. 19, 1831

Died Aug. 4, 1859

Shed not for her the bitter tear
Forgive the hurt to vain regret
Tis but the casket that lies here
The gem that filled it sparkles yet.

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Also buried here is:

Sacred to the Memory of

Montillius F.,

Infant son of

Dr. F. and Cyrena C. Rice

Born June 7, 1859

Died July 16, 1859

Rest sweet babe with thy mother.

Democratic Meeting

Benjamin Franks, Esq., Chairman. Warren P. Robertson Esq. and Col. James McDavid, vice presidents. Major R. K. Drake and Robert Austin, secretaries.

Committee on resolutions: Capt. Malcolm Thompson; Capt. John H. Britain, Abraham Vanzandt, Esq.; James McCord, Jonathan Latham, Esq; John J. Campbell, Wm. H. Davis, Joel D. Lewis, Esq., Jonathan C. Camp, Salarese P. Padgett, Robert Bridges and Thomas Bridges.

Progressive Age. 25 Feb 1887.

Paint Rock in this county will soon have a new school building completed with a big bell, to be called Paint Rock Academy.

North Alabama Observer. 3 March 1876.

Joseph M. Martin died Feb. 25, 1876. Soldier of War of 1812 pensioner at time of death, member of Baptist Church for over 40 years. Moderator of Tennessee River Association when it was formed¹⁷

The Alabama Herald, 2 Sept 18880.

Mr. Robinson, an Englishman and a teacher of good repute on Paint Rock, died some days ago.¹⁸

¹⁷ The administrator of his estate was Archibald Collins. Records show his name as Joseph A. from the 1870 census but was perhaps an error. He was living with in-in-law, A. E. McCullough on Hurricane Creek. Census said born in South Carolina.

¹⁸ Mr. Robinson was evidently Thomas Robinson, schoolteacher born in London, England. He lived for a while in Tennessee then moved to Clear Creek in Paint Rock Valley, however he died August 5, 1874 and is buried in the Latham (Greene's?) Cemetery on Clear Creek. He had children who were also teachers and who were all born in Tennessee.

Alabama Herald. 2 Sept 1880

James Hunter, about 35, died August 20, 1880 in Guess' Creek Valley.¹⁹

The Alabama Herald. 20 Nov 1880

Dr. David B. McCord married Emma (McMahan) Taylor, daughter of Wm. McMahan, Sr.²⁰

The Alabama Herald. 3 Mar 1881

John Berry, an old citizen of Guess' Creek, died a few days ago.²¹

The Alabama Herald. 28 April 1881

Nevels H. Bridges of Paint Rock Valley, father of W. W. Bridges, died April 24, 1881.²²

The Huntsville Mercury. 9 Dec 1899

Died Monday night about 9 o'clock at his home near Princeton, Jackson County, Mr. Russell Clay, 80 years old. Mr. Clay had accumulated a large estate at his death, was one of the wealthiest citizens of Jackson County ... generous to the poor. He leaves a widow, three married daughters and an only son, Mr. M. A. Clay. Mrs. Clay, who is advanced

¹⁹ He is probably buried in an unmarked grave somewhere on Guess' Creek. In 1870 he was age 25 and was living with John S. Rice as a farm laborer. I believe him to be a grandson of George Hunter who appears in the 1850 census. He is also probably a brother of Albert Hunter who is buried in the Latham Cemetery on Guess' Creek.

²⁰ This is included because the McCords first came to Paint Rock Valley from Tennessee and then some of them moved to other parts of the county. There were quite a few doctors in the family and this marriage might be of interest to someone.

²¹ See Berry family.

²² See Bridges family.

in years, we regret to learn, is in very feeble health.²³

Scottsboro Citizen, 3 Feb 1881

James R., the youngest child of Mrs. Stovall of Paint Rock Valley, died on Friday the 21st after an illness of 36 hours, age 15 years, 4 mo. and 21 days.²⁴

Scottsboro Citizen, 7 April 1881

Dr. Joe Duckett has moved up and will practice with Dr. F. R. Grant.²⁵

Scottsboro Citizen, 7 April 1881

James Price of Larkin's Fork died Saturday the 7th at 4:00 o'clock.²⁶

Alabama Herald, (Jackson Co.), 28 March 1872

Married on the 19th inst. at the residence of the bride's father in Paint Rock Valley, by Rev. M. E. Johnston, Dr. John F. Clark to Miss Clemantine St. Clair, all of Jackson Co.²⁷

²³ This is Addie Stovall's great-grandfather. His daughter, Ruth Catherine Clay, married William H. Stovall. Their son, William Clay Stovall, was their son.

²⁴ This is the son of Jacob Rich Stovall who was a brother of William H. Stovall and Sarah (McCollum) Stovall.

²⁵ Dr. Grant was one of the best doctors of his time in Paint Rock Valley. Dr. Duckett was also a local man.

²⁶ The Price family was very large but Addie knew very little of them except that many early ones went west. The 1880 Jackson County census shows the family as:

Price, James	33	Al
Sally	37	Ga
Susan	9	Al
Price, Mary	12	Al
Samuel	6	Al
Bradford	2	Al

²⁷ This Dr. John F. Clarke is buried in the Clark (Rosseau) Cemetery on Clear Creek. He was married before his marriage to Clemantine. Dr. Clark was born Nov. 19, 1829 and died on Jan. 25, 1894.

Alabama Herald, 18 April 1872.

Married on the 11th at the residence of the bride's father by G. G. Grimmett, Esq., John B. Metcalf to Miss Sarah D. Collins.²⁸

Jackson County Herald, 1 July 1892

A correspondence written and mailed at Francisco in this county on the 14th inst. reached this office on 28th, just 14 days on the road. A wonderful mail service.

Jackson County Herald, July 1892

Married at Paint Rock Station in this county on the 8th inst., Mr. Wm. A. Means to Miss Julia Frazier, both of this place.

Progressive Age, 24 June 1892

Dr. D. B. McCord is reported quite ill at his home in Trenton, Georgia.²⁹

Progressive Age, 24 June 1892

Virgil Bouldin and Miss Minnie Snodgrass went to Paint Rock Valley yesterday on a visit to relatives.³⁰

The Progressive Age, 24 June 1892

Rev. H. H. Horton, an old and respected citizen, died of paralysis at his home in Bridgeport this week.³¹

²⁸ The 1880 census of Jackson Co. shows this family as follows:

Metcalf, John	29	Al
Sarah	26	Al
Mary	7	Al
Jestin	6	Al
Ader	4	Al
Hannah	2	Al

²⁹ He is of the Paint Rock Valley McCords and may have once lived here.

³⁰ See Bouldin family.

³¹ See Horton family

Huntsville Advertiser, 28 June 1872

Married in June by Elder J. W. Bragg, Mr. William B. Johnson to Miss Sophia L. Bostick, all of this county.³²

Progressive Age, 1 July 1893

The good people of Paint Rock Valley will have a great Democratic picnic in honor of her candidates, W. B. Bridges, T. J. Robinson, J. M. Thompson and W. J. Swaim, at some time near the close of the canvass at or near the mouth of Lick Fork. Democratic speeches will add to the interest of the occasion. Paint Rock Valley always does the handsome and proper thing.³³

Huntsville Democrat, 17 Oct 1860

Married on 2nd inst. by Rev. W. A. Hood, Esq., R. O. Hinshaw to Miss Isabelle Jane Reid, all of Jackson County.³⁴

Mercury, 24 Sept 1890

New Market Notes

Mr. David Jacks and wife, of Larkin's Fork, visited their daughter, Mrs. Rice.³⁵

Scottsboro Citizen, 9 Dec 1909

Death of Col. M. A. Clay

Col. M. A. Clay, popular and well known citizen of Princeton, died at

³² See Bostick family

³³ All of those mentioned are native sons.

³⁴ See Hinshaw and Reid families. Robert O. was killed in Civil War

³⁵ David Jacks was an early minister in Jackson County but eventually moved to Madison County.

In 1833 Jacks was chosen minister of the Enon Baptist Church in Madison Co. Then in Nov. 1834 he was asked to take charge of the Flint River Baptist Church. He must have been in Jackson Co. before 1833.

Huntsville Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, Dec. 5, 1909. He was 63 years old.³⁶

Unknown Scottsboro paper, 17 Dec 1923

Estill Fork News

J. R. Butler is in Montgomery this week attending the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Misses Louella and Frances Cagle of Princeton were guests of Miss Jennie Jones last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Austell Dec. 1st, a girl.

H. R. Reed made a business trip to Scottsboro last week.

Harvey Good was buried Saturday at the Bishop Cemetery on Hurricane Creek. He was killed by a pulley at a stave mill near Mount ...[illegible].

Editor's Note: H. R. Reid was Raymond Reid who ran a store and post office at Estill Fork for many years. Harvey Good was some relation to the Bishops.

Progressive Age, Thurs. 10 March 1921
Death Claims Paint Rock
Valley Citizen.

On last Saturday at his home at Princeton, J. N. Walker, a prominent citizen of Paint Rock Valley, passed to his reward. Mr. Walker had been in failing health for a number of years. He was a merchant at Princeton and regarded as one of the staunch citizens in that part of the Valley. He was a man who was honored and loved by his neighbors. He was a good Christian and a loyal supporter of his church. He

³⁶ This was Martin Alexander Clay, only surviving son of Russell W. Clay and Mahala. He married Martha Moore and had two children.

leaves a widow and several children to mourn his death.

Mr. Walker was laid to rest at the Clay Cemetery Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors.

We extend to his bereaved family our heart felt sympathy in their loss.³⁷

Progressive Age, Thurs. 25 Jan 1921

W. H. Stovall dies in Paint
Rock Valley.

W. H. Stovall, a prominent citizen of Paint Rock Valley and well favorably known over the county, died at his home near Swaim on June 13.

Mr. Stovall was a former commissioner of this county and was always an active citizen in the affairs of the county. He was sick only a few hours prior to his death.

He is survived by a widow, three sons, John R., H. A. and Clay Stovall and three daughters, Mrs. Claude Daniel of Huntsville, Mrs. W. E. Green of Swenson, Texas and Mrs. John Thompson of Tennessee.³⁸

Progressive Age, Thurs., 7 July 1921

Cecil Swaim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Swaim of Milan is dead. Misses Gertrude Sanders and Essie Sisk, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Swaim are seriously injured and several others slightly injured as a result of a runaway team near Milan in Paint Rock Valley on July 4th.

According to reports, Mr. and Mrs. Swaim and a number of young people

³⁷ James N. Walker married 1st Delilah F. Ross, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Ross. His 2nd wife was Selsie Robertson Swaim, widow of Severs S. Swaim and daughter of Richard (Dickie) W. Robertson and Lydia (Reed) Robertson. They have many descendants in the valley today.

³⁸ Wm. H. Stovall was Addie Shaver's grandfather; Wm. Clay Stovall was her father.

had started in a wagon to Estill's Creek for a fish fry when a passing loose horse frightened the team which was driven by a young lady. In attempting to stop the team one of the bridles broke and all of the occupants of the wagon either jumped or were thrown out.

Cecil Swaim, aged 9, was caught in a wheel and crushed to death. It was said the wheel had to be removed from the wagon to release the body of the boy. Several of the injured were carried to a hospital at Huntsville.

The accident is one of the most shocking that has occurred in the valley and the families of the dead boy and injured people are receiving the sympathy of everyone.³⁹

Scottsboro Citizen. 18 March 1897.

Milan

Mrs. Hiram Roberts died on the 10th near Milan. She was a lady of whom all spoke well who knew her. She left a husband and friends who mourn her loss.⁴⁰

³⁹ Addie wrote: "I had heard my mother tell this many times. She was planning to go on the outing but was delayed a little or would have been in the wagon.

Will Swaim and wife, Nannie (Gentry) were cousins and very dear to Mother. Essie Sisk was a sister of Pete Prince and was Addie's mother's wedding attendant. She married Ennes Sisk. Gertrude Sanders, daughter of Bill and Ellen Sanders, sustained a broken hip and was slightly crippled thereafter. Gertrude married Charlie Prince and later moved to Huntsville."

⁴⁰ The maiden name of the wife of Hiram Roberts was unknown. Her given name was Jane. From the 1880 census:

Roberts, Hiram	44	Al
Jane	43	Al

Hiram may have been married before. The 1870 census shows:

Roberts, Winock	33	farm laborer	Al
Jane	32		
James T	10		

Scottsboro Citizen. 18 March 1897.

Milan

Several married ladies have died within two miles of Milan since September last.

Jesse L. Prince has returned from Mobile where he has been attending the medical college. He has engaged to teach the Bostick Hill School. He is a rising young man.⁴¹

Wheat and oats are looking fine.

Prof. Richard Rousseau has a good school at Princeton.⁴²

Huntsville Times, 23 June 1936

Miss (Fannie) Frances Elizabeth Dodson died at Princeton June 22.

Funeral at Princeton Presbyterian Church with Rev. A. C. Stevenson. She was age 32. She was survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Dodson of Princeton, three brothers, Virgil of Oklahoma; Elmore and Floyd Dodson of Princeton; and two sisters, Lillian and Tulla Mae at home.

Tuscaloosa Gazette, 9 March 1876

Died in Jackson County on 25th, Mr. Jas. M. Martin, aged 86.⁴³

Progressive Age, 29 Dec 1921

Blake Hall and Sue Ann ... married in Huntland last Wednesday by Rev. W. T. Hall.

The Alabama Herald, A. Snodgrass, Editor. Thursday, 18 June 1872.

The Good Old Men of
Jackson County.

This may be Hiram but listed under a second given name.

⁴¹ See Prince family.

⁴² Where was this school? Was it in the old building were Masonic Hall now stands?

⁴³ This could be the old Baptist preacher living with the A. E. McCullough family as shown in the 1870 census.

Within the last few days we have been visited by a considerable number of the substantial old men, the true nobility of Jackson County. Among others, Maj. Thomas Wilson; also our pleasant school Director, Esq., Grimmett with whom were two of the most worthy of that unexcelled class of citizens – the Paint Rock pioneers – Alexander H. Reid and James W. Robertson.

These good and true old men should be the pride of our county. Long may they live to bring up the remembrance of the older times and add to our stock of plain, straightforward honesty and solid worth. We should not fail to say that we were remembered in a way that makes the printer glad by these men – they are not the kind of men who are willing to be thought of as delinquent financially. The prompt payment of all dues is a prominent article in their religious creed.

The Alabama Herald, Thursday 18 Jan 1872

John R. Robertson, deceased,
Estate of

Letters of Administration upon the said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January 1872, by the Hon. David Tate, Judge of the Probate Court of Jackson County, Alabama:

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate will be required to present the same within the time required by law, or the same will be barred.⁴⁴

Thos. J. Robertson,
Administrator

Scottsboro Citizen, 2 Feb 1888

Died at Paint Rock, Jan. 27th of pneumonia, Mr. J. C. Redman. He was one of the best men in Jackson County

⁴⁴ See Robertson family

and it is with sorrow that we announce his death. His deeply afflicted family has our sympathy in this distress.⁴⁵

Scottsboro Citizen, Thurs. 14 Feb 1888
Greerton

Died recently, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mollie Collins, both aged ladies.⁴⁶

Scottsboro Citizen, Thurs. 14 Feb 1888
Holleytree

J. Vandenburg & Bros. is doing a good business here with affable Posey Phillips and accommodating Lem Lewis behind the counter.

Scottsboro Citizen, 23 Feb 1888

Mrs. Hill, wife of W. R. Hill, dropped dead at Paint Rock last Saturday. She was about her usual work and in good health. Heart disease was the cause.⁴⁷

- To be continued-

⁴⁵ Paint Rock was once named Redman and he is probably a descendant of these Redmans. The 1880 census:

Redman, James C.	34	SC
Caroline C.	44	Al
Julia Ann	5	Al
Mary M.	4	Al

⁴⁶ With no more information to go on, Addie Shaver could not identify either of these ladies.

⁴⁷ Mrs. Hill was Mary E. and she is buried in the old Paint Rock Cemetery. Their marriage record in Jackson County shows: Wm. R. Hill to Elizabeth Manson, 16 August 1864 by A. S. Frazier, J. P. They are the parents of Harry Hill who was depot agent at Paint Rock for many years. He is believed to also have been postmaster for awhile.

Madison County

Copied, Abstracted, and Contributed by
Dorothy Scott Johnson

Fearn Cemetery

(African-American)

Location: Approximately in the East half of the SE/4 of the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 21, Township 3, Range 1 East. Madison Co., Ala. Copied by Dorothy Scott Johnson and accompanied to the location by Malissa Shepherd and Carol (Mrs. Lee) Harless.

This cemetery appears to be in the heart of a new subdivision. The developer, Enfinger, has taken pains to mark off the cemetery and even cleaned it of overgrowth and debris.

Please note the difference in spelling of the surnames.

E. D. FEAREN

Born

Oct. 30, 1882

Died

Mar. 1, 1909

Oh, how happy is the thought

That God will call him home.

[Note: There is a Masonic emblem on stone.]

GLADYS

MARY FEARN

Born

May 24, 1908

Died

July 11, 1909

God blesses

in an early

death and takes

the infant unto himself.

[Note: A dove is carved at the top of the stone.]

**Death Certificates
Of White People Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery
1908 – 1916**

(Last names beginning with "B")

Copied, Abstracted, and Contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson
Continued from Volume 41, No. 2

Bachlor, Nancy

Died 6 Jan 1916
Place died: Madison Co., Al
Cause of death: Pneumonia
Age: 72 years
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin

Bailes infant (male)

Died 31 Jan 1915
Place died: E. Randolph, Huntsville
Cause of death: Stillborn
Father: L. A. Bailes
Remarks: child had been dead for one
month before birth.
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

Bailey, Albert E.

Died 14 Sept 1913
Place died: Madison, Ala
Born: Alabama
Had lived there 5 yrs. before death
Occupation: Farmer
Duration of illness: 2 yrs
Cause of death: Tuberculosis
Age: 55 yrs
Married
Reporter: P. L. Brouillette, M. D.

Bailey, Clide D.

Died: 28 June 1916, 11:00 p.m.
Place died: Clinton St., E. Huntsville
Place born: Alabama
How long reside/place of death: all life
Length of illness: 2 days
Cause of death: Cholera Infantum
Age: 1 yr., 7 mo.
Father: Samuel Bailey
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bailey, Eliza

Died 31 Aug 1915 at 1:30 p.m.
Place died: Madison Co., Al
Place born: Alabama
Resided 2 yrs. at place of death
Duration of illness: 30 days
Cause of death: Malaria
Age 12
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Samuel H. Bailey,
both born Alabama
Reporter: C. H. Russell

Bailey, Henry

Died 30 Aug 1909 at 12:00 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: 9th St., Huntsville, Al
Duration of illness: 2 weeks
Cause of death: Typhoid Fever
Contributory: Meningitis
Age: 8 years
Father: Saml. Bailey, b. Alabama
Mother: Sadie Bailey, b. Alabama
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bailey, John

Died 18 Aug 1909
Born: Ala
Place died: Huntsville
Had lived there 3 weeks or more
Duration of illness: One month
Cause of death: "Summer complaint"
Age: 2 yr, 2 mo.
Father: Samuel Bailey, b. Ala
Mother: Jennie Bailey, b. Ala
Reporter: B. E. Scruggs

Bailey, Joseph

Died 21 Sept 1912

Born Alabama
Place died: Belle Mina, Limestone Co.
Had lived there 20 years
Duration of illness: 12 months
Cause of death: General debility
Age: 68 years
Father: Joseph F. Bailey
Mother: F. M. Bailey
Reporter: Joseph J. Pettus, M. D., Belle
Mina, Alabama

Bailey, Joseph F.

Died 17 Sept 1911 at 1:45 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: Whitesburg Pike
Had lived there 2 yr before death
Where disease contracted: Arkansas
Duration of illness: 3 yr
Cause of death: Lung trouble
Occupation: Farmer
Age: 42 years
Father: L. W. Bailey, b. Ala
Mother: Mary M. Bailey, b. Ga
Reporter: L. W. Bailey, father

Bailey, Mary L.

Died 28 Dec 1911
Place died: 6 mi south of Huntsville
Born: Georgia
Occupation: Housewife
Had lived where died for 16 years
Duration of illness: 2 days
Age: 65 yrs.
Father: Robert McKay, b. Ga.
Mother: Mrs. McKay, b. Ga
Reporter: Wilson & Moorman

Bailey, Mary M.

Died: 10 Nov 1909
Born Alabama
Died: Greenbrier, Limestone Co.
Resided 25 yrs. at place of death
Cause of death: Tuberculosis
Occupation: Housewife
Transit permit required
Reporter: W. T. Pride, M. D.

Bailey, William

Died 15 June 1908 at 5:15 a.m.
Born: Madison Co., Al

Place died: 516 Madison St., 3rd ward
Cause of death: Hemorrhage
Occupation: Carpenter
Age: 66
Married
Father: Joseph F. Bailey
Mother: Fannie Bailey
Reporter: Mrs. Wm. Bailey

Baker, Beulah B.

Died 11 Oct 1911 at 6:15 p.m.
Place born: Tennessee
Place died: Madison St., Huntsville
Had lived 20 years at place of death
Occupation: Housewife
Duration of illness: 4 days
Cause of death: Pneumonia
Age: 34 years
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Burrows
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

Baker, J. R. (Mrs.)

Died 11 Nov 1915 at 10:00 p.m.
Place died: Main St., West Huntsville
Lived several years at place died
Duration of illness: 2 or 3 yrs
Cause of death: Pulmonary tuberculosis
Age: 55 yrs
Marital status: Married
Reporter: J. E. Walker

Bames, Dorothy

Died 16 July 1910 at 12 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: Huntsville
Had lived there entire life
Duration of illness: 3 mo.
Cause of death: Gastroenteritis
Contributing cause: Whooping Cough
Age: 1 yr. 5 mo.
Father: S. P. Bames, b. Tenn
Mother: Mrs. Bames, b. Tenn
Reporter: W. W. Haden

Barclay, A. F.

Died 14 Nov 1911 at 3:00 a.m.
Place died: Washington St., 2nd ward
Had lived there two weeks
Born: Virginia
Occupation: Farmer

Duration of illness: 2 years
Cause of death: Tuberculosis of bowels
Age: 67 years
Widower
Father: Thomas Barclay
Mother: Elizabeth Barclay
Reporter: J. F. Burnam

Barlow, John H.

Died 2 May 1909
Born: Alabama
Place died: At foot of Monte Sano
Duration of illness: Short
Contributory cause of death: Lime Kiln
Occupation: Farmer
Age: 36 years
Married
Remarks: This man found dead in the
Lime Kiln at the foot of the mountain.
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

Barnes, Bosie May

Died 6 Feb 1910 at 12:30 a.m.
Born Alabama
Died: Abingdon Mills, Huntsville
Had lived there entire life
Cause of death: not known
Age: 9 days
Father: Oliver W. Barnes
Mother: Ella Barnes, b. Tenn
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Barnes, Gertie

Died 1 Feb 1912 at 2:00 a.m.
Place: County Hospital
Born: Tennessee
Resided at place of death three weeks
Duration of illness: 2 weeks
Cause of death: Bright's Disease
Age: 5 years
Father: Mr. Barnes
Mother: Mrs. J. M. Womack
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

Barr, Thomas

Died 5 March 1916 at 5:00 a.m.
Place died: Franklin, Williamson Co, Tn
Cause of death: Scrofula
Age: 9 Mo.
Reporter: Bessie Barr, Franklin, Tn

Barratt, Tea (Mrs.)

Died 31 Jan 1915 at 4:00 a.m.
Place died: Atlanta, Ga.
Resided 4 mo. at place of death
Cause of death: Pellagra
Age: 55 years
Marital status: Widow
Father: John Montgomery, b. N. Car.
Mother: Eliza Montgomery, b. S. Car.
Reporter: L. Thornton, H.O., Atlanta, Ga

Bartholomew, F. M.

Died 15 Oct 1913 at 10:15 p.m.
Born Canada
Place died: Madison County
Lived there 3 or 4 years
Occupation: Mechanic
Duration of illness: 18 Months
Cause of death: Carcinoma of Prostate
Age: 70 years
Widower
Father: Wm. Bartholomew, b. Canada
Mother: Mariah Bartholomew, b.
Canada
Remarks: "This death reported to me by
someone from Oakwood school."
Reporter: T. E. Dryer, Health Officer

Basham, Fred

Died 28 March 1913
Born Tennessee
Place died: 402 Humes Ave, Dallas Vill.
Had lived there 8 months
Occupation: Mill work
Duration of illness: 10 days
Cause of death: Pneumonia
Age: 27 years
Married
Reporter: B. J. Duckett, M. D.

Basham, Hesper Lee (female)

Died 21 Oct 1912
Place born: Alabama
Place died: Huntsville, Al
Duration of illness: 6 or 8 Mo.
Cause of death: Gastroenteritis
Contributory cause: Dropsy
Age: "Child"
Reporter: D. M. Winton

Bassett, Laura (Miss)

Died 23 March 1914 at 10:00 p.m.
Born: Alabama
Place died: Franklin St., Ward 3
Occupation: Teacher
Had lived at place of death all her life
Duration of illness: 3 days
Cause of death: Influenza
Age: 74 years
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige, M. D.

Battle, Bertha

Died 9 Nov 1914
Place died: Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Az
Place born: Alabama
Resided at place of death one month
Cause of death: Tuberculosis
Age: 35
Marital status: Single
Parents: Jacob W. & Kate R. Battle.
Both born in Alabama
Reporter: R. Craig, M.D., Phoenix, Az

Battle, J. W.

Died 14 Nov 1912
Born Alabama
Place died: Randolph St., 3rd ward,
Had lived there entire lifetime
Occupation: Retired planter
Duration of illness: 6 mo.
Cause of death: Infectious myelitis
Contributory cause: Paralysis
Age: 70
Widower
Father: Jacob¹ D. Battle, b. N. C.
Mother: Eliza M. Battle, b. Ala
Reporter: T. E. Dryer

Battle, William

Died 16 Dec 1909
Born: Alabama
Died: Huntsville, Beat 1, Ward 3
Resided 10 mo. at place died
Duration of illness: 2 weeks
Cause of death: Uremia and senility
Age: 85
Marital status: widowed

Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

Bayless, A. J.

Died 4 Feb 1909 at 4:00 a.m.
Born: Tennessee
Place died: 414 C Street, Merrimac
Was ill 3 months
Cause of death: Acute Bright's Disease
Occupation: Mill worker
Age: 26
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bean, Sue Ella

Died 3 July 1916 at 12:00 p.m.
Place died: City hospital, Huntsville
Born: Tennessee
Occupation: Mill work
Resided at place of death: several yrs.
Age: 27 yrs.
Marital status: married
Father: Frank Gallis, born Tennessee
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Beasley, William

Died 2 Dec 1914 at 3:00 p. m.
Place Died: Madison Co., Al
Place born: Tennessee
Occupation: None
Resided 15 years at place of death
Cause of death: Organic heart trouble
Contributory cause: Typhoid fever
Age: 19 years
Marital status: Single
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Beasley,
both born in Tennessee
Buried in Salvation Army plot
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

Beetle, Agnes May

Died 26 Sept 1910
Born Alabama
Place died: Huntsville, Al
Had lived there entire lifetime
Duration of illness: 6 weeks
Cause of death: Bowel trouble
Age: 8 mo.
Mother: Sarah Beetle, b. Tenn
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

¹ This appeared to have been written Joseph, then Jacob written over it.

Bell infant

Died 23 July 1910
Born Ala
Place died: Wells Ave.
Cause of death: stomach, bowel trouble.
Contributory cause: Teething
Age: 2 years
Father: Henry Bell, b. Tenn
Mother: Mrs. Bell, b. Tenn
Remarks: "Not one Physician treated this child, hence no intelligent answer can be given."
Reporter: W. W. Haden

Bell infant

Died 18 March 1912 at 3:00 a.m.
Place: Green St., 2nd ward, Huntsville
Cause of death: Stillborn
Father: Unknown to reporter
Mother: _____ Bell
Remarks: Pauper. Child born at Salvation Army barracks.
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bell, Willie (male)

Died 5 Jan 1916 at 8:00 a.m.
Place died: No. Church St., Huntsville,
Place born: Alabama
Duration of illness: 10 days
Age: 2 years
Father: unknown to reporter
Mother: Willie Bell, born Al
Reporter: W. W. Haden

Bencler, Flora

Died 25 Aug 1910 at 6:30 a.m.
Born in Alabama
Place died: Church St., Huntsville, Al
Had lived there 7 years
Duration of illness: 3 weeks
Cause of death: Typhoid fever
Occupation: Student
Father: Joseph A. Bencler, b. France
Mother: Matilda Bencler, b. Ohio
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bennett, William J.

Died 2 June 1915 at 2:00 a.m.
Place died: Walker Ave., Huntsville, Al

Occupation: Liveryman²
Principal cause of death: Uremia
Contributory cause: Bright's Disease
Age: 60
Marital status: Married
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

Bentley, Alex J.

Died 4 March 1910 at 7:30 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: West Holmes
Had lived there 15 years
Duration of illness: 2 years
Cause of death: Senility
Contributory cause: Chronic Gastritis,
Intestinal, Colon.
Occupation: Attorney
Age: 70 yr., 10 mo., 29 days
Widower
Reporter: Brooks, O. J.

Bentley, O. B.

Died 25 May 1916 at 1:30 a.m.
Place died: Walker St., Huntsville, Al
Place born: Alabama
Duration of illness: 2 weeks
Principal cause of death: Ileo Colitis
Contributory cause: Cerebral meningitis
Age: 1 yr., 5 mo.
Parents: Henry J. & Ophelia Bentley,
both born in Ala.
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bernstein infant

Died 28 July 1909
Born: Ala
Place died: Moulton, Lawrence Co., Al
Cause of death: Stillborn
Father: A. Bernstein
Mother: Mrs. A. Bernstein
Reporter: W. A. Gesham, M. D.

Berryhill baby

Died 17 Nov 1911 at 6:00 a.m.
Place died: Halsey Ave., Dallas Village
Born: Alabama
Had lived at place of death entire life
Duration of illness: Entire life

² One who keeps a stable

Cause of death: Valvular insufficiency
Age: (blank)
Father: Jack Berryhill, b. Tenn
Mother: Berryhill, b. Tenn
Reporter: Edgar Rand

Berryhill, F. M.

Died 29 Jan. 1915
Place died: East Huntsville, Al
Place born: Tennessee
Occupation: Mill hand
Resided at place of death about 2 yr
Duration of illness: 18 mo.
Cause of death: Pulmonary tuberculosis
Age: 63
Marital status: Married
Reporter: W. B. England

Berryhill, R. T.

Died 27 Dec 1914 at 4 p.m.
Place died: Washington St., Huntsville
Resided several years at place of death
Duration of illness: 5 days
Cause of death: Paresis(?) Intestinal
Age: 75 years
Marital status: Married

Berryhill, Rena (Mrs.)

Died 7 Sept 1913
Place died: Green St., Ward 2, Huntsville
Occupation: Housewife
Duration of illness: Six months
Cause of death: Carcinoma of uterus
Age: 46
Died: Married
Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

Berryhill, William

Died 7 Dec 1913 at 5:00 a.m.
Born Tennessee
Occupation: Engineer
Place died: E. Clinton, 2nd ward
Had resided there two years
Cause of death: Acute yellow atrophy
liver.
Contributory cause: Scrotal gangrene
Age: 52
Widower
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Beshears, Ernest E.

Died 13 Feb. 1909 at 3:00 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: Patton St.
Had lived there 7 or 8 mo.
Duration of illness: 7 weeks
Cause of death: Bronchial pneumonia
Age: 1 yr 1 mo.
Father: Murphy B. Beshears, b. Ala
Mother: Tommie Beshears, b. Ala.
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

Beshears, Ernest E.

Died 13 Feb. 1909 at 3:00 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: Patton St.
Had lived there 7 or 8 mo.
Duration of illness: 7 weeks
Cause of death: Bronchial pneumonia
Age: 1 yr 1 mo.
Father: Murphy B. Beshears, b. Ala
Mother: Tommie Beshears, b. Ala.
Reporter: Edgar Rand, M. D.

Beshears, Omie Belle

Died 16 October 1913
Born Alabama
Place died: West Huntsville
Cause of death: Dysentery
Contributory cause: Bronchial
pneumonia
Age: 2 years
Father: J. B. Beshears, b. Ala
Mother: not known
Reporter: D. M. Winston, M. D.

Bibb, Cordelia E.

Died 24 July 1915 at 1:40 a.m.
Place died: New York City
Place born: New Jersey
Cause of death: Pneumonia
Age: 83 yr, 5 mo, 26 ds
Marital status: Widow
Parents: Ralph and Frances Marsh,
both born in New Jersey.
Reporter: S. C. Kepp & Sons, N. Y.

Biedermann, Leo

Died 3 Feb 1916
Place died: Huntsville

Place born: Switzerland
Occupation: Gardener
Resided 44 years at place of death
Length of illness: 15 months
Cause of death: Dropsy
Contributory cause of death: Fall
Age: 73
Marital status: Single
Parents: R. A. and E. C. Biederman,
both born in Switzerland.
Reporter: J. R. Poole, Coroner

Billions infant (female)

Died 12 Sept 1913
Where died: Patton St., 2nd ward
Cause of death: Stillborn
Father: Had none
Mother: Naomi Billions, b. Tenn
Remarks: Found twelve days after death
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

Bills, Grace

Died 27 July 1909 at 2 a.m.
Born: Alabama
Place died: Beat 1, 2nd ward, Walker St.
Duration of illness; 4 weeks
Cause of death: Typhoid fever
Cause of death: Bronchial pneumonia
Age: 14 years
Father: Jeff Bills
Reporter: Wm. W. Haden

Binford, W. Allen

Died 22 Oct 1912 at 7:00 a.m.
Born Alabama
Place died: Three mi. west of town on
Madison Pike.
Had lived there three years.
Occupation: Farmer
Cause of death: Paralysis of heart
Contributory cause: Paralysis
Age: 38 mo., 6 days
Father: Thomas T. Binford, b. Ala
Remarks: Second stoke of paralysis fatal
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin, Coroner

Bingham, Eliza

Died 6 Sept 1908 at 4 a.m.
Born: Tennessee
Place died: Beat 24, West Huntsville

Had lived there 6 yr before death
Duration of illness: One week
Cause of death: Malaria "Humeturia"
Occupation: Housewife
Age: 47
Father: John Falkner
Mother: Minerva Siler Falkner, b. Tenn
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Bingham, Jessie Gordon

Died 29 Nov 1908 at 7:00 a.m.
Place died: West Huntsville
Had resided there his entire life
Duration of illness: 3 weeks
Cause of death: Typhoid & pneumonia
Age: 5 years
Father: J. L. Bingham, b. Ala.
Mother: Eliza Bingham, b. Tenn
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

Birdsong infant

Died 24 May 1910 at 5 a.m.
Born in Alabama
Place died: Madison Co., Al
Had lived there entire life
Duration of illness: 3 months
Cause of death: Malaria
Contributory cause: General ill health
Age: 5 mo. 7 days
Father: Andrew Birdsong, b. Ala
Mother: Pearl Birnell Birdsong, b. Ala
Reporter: W. C. Wheeler

Birdsong infant

Died 31 Dec 1908 at 2:00 a.m.
Born Madison Co.
Died near Lowe Mills
Duration of illness: 3 days
Age: 3 days
Cause of death: malnutrition
Father: Andrew Birdsong, b. Ala
Mother: Pearl Birdsong, b. Ala
Reporter: Andrew Birdsong (father)

Birdsong, Pearl (Mrs.)

Died 14 Jan 1912
Died near town, Madison Co., Al
Occupation: Housewife
Had lived at place of death 3 years
Cause of death: Pneumonia

Age: 37 years
Reporter: H. C. Laughlin

Bisbin, M. J. (Mrs.)

Died 1 Sept 1913
Place died: Huntsville, Al
Had lived where died seven months
Duration of illness: 2 mo.
Cause of death: Bright's disease
Age: 73 years
Widow
Reporter: H. H. Thomas, M. D.

Blackwell, Virginia

Died 21 Oct 1908 at 9:00 p.m.
Born: Virginia
Place died: Abingdon Place on Meridian
Pike
Duration of illness: 8 months
Cause of death: Paralysis
Occupation: None
Age: 77 years
Widow
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige, M. D.

Blair infant (female)

Died 22 April 1913 at 4:00 p.m.
Place died: Hospital, Huntsville, Al
Cause of death: Stillborn
Father: S. J. Blair
Reporter: O. J. Brooks, M. D.

Blair, Sarah J.

Died 20 Oct 1911 at 8:30 p.m.
Born: Tennessee
Place died: Meridian St., Huntsville
Occupation: Housewife
Had resided 22 yrs at place of death
Duration of illness: 12 mo.
Cause of death: Neuralgia of heart
Age: 61
Married
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland

Blake, H. C. (Mrs.)

Died 19 June 1915
Place died: West Holmes, Huntsville, Al
Place born: Alabama
Lived all her life at place of death
Cause of death: Carcinoma of uterus

Age: 38
Marital status: Married
Reporter: H. D. Westmoreland, M. D.

Blakemoore, Lou

Died 27 July 1915 at 11:00 a.m.
Place died: Cluttsville Beat, Harvest, Al
Place born: Alabama
Resided at place died: two years
Cause of death: Dropsy
Age: 68
Marital status: Married
Reporter: J. P. Williams, Harvest, Al

Bland, James C.

Died 25 Oct 1912 at 3:00 a.m.
Place died: Merrimack Village
Had lived there 3 years
Occupation: Mechanic
Duration of illness: Month
Cause of death: Arteriosclerosis,
Coronary
Age: 54 yr
Married
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Blanton, Elizabeth B.

Died 2 April 1908
Born: Madison Co., Al
Place died: Huntsville Ward 1
Cause of death: General debility
Occupation: Housewife
Age: 74 yrs.
Widow
Father: Branch Copeland
Reporter: F. E. Baldrige

Blanton, Virginia Fay

Died 13 Sept 1909 at 10 a.m.
Born: Alabama
Place died: Beat 1, Ward 1, Limburg St.,
Duration of illness: 5 days
Cause of death: Intestinal toxemia
Age: 3 yr, 6 mo.
Father: Jene Blanton, b. Al
Mother: Fay Leona Blanton, b. Tenn

Blocker infant

Died 30 Nov 1912
Born Ala

Place died: Huntsville
Lived there entire life
Duration of illness: One month
Cause of death: Pertussis
Contributory cause: Ileocolitis
Age: 2 mo.
Father: Lester Blocker, b. Tenn
Reporter: O. J. Brooks

Blount, Florence

Died 13 Nov 1913
Born Tennessee
Place died: Stevens Ave. in East H'ville.
Had lived there about 18 months
Occupation: Mill hand
Duration of illness: About 20 months
Cause of death: Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Age: 16 yr., 2 mo., 3 days
Single
Father: Claborn Blount, b. Tenn
Mother: Lila Blount, b. Tenn
Reporter: W. B. England, M. D.

Blount, James A.

Died 27 Oct 1914
Place died: Birmingham, Alabama
Place born: Alabama
Occupation: T. Salesman
Duration of illness: Sudden
Cause of death: Cerebral embolism
Age: 51 years
Marital status: Married
Reporter: Lige Loy, Undertaker,
Birmingham, Al

Blount, M. M. (Mrs.)

Died 22 March 1914 at 2:00 a.m.
Born: Alabama
Place died: Clinton Ave., Ward 2
Had lived there 50 years before death.
Duration of illness: 6 weeks
Cause of death: Pancreatitis
Age: 81
Widow
Reporter: T. E. Baldrige, M. D.

Blunt, Claiburn (General)

Died: 16 April 1909 at 12:30 p.m.
Born: Tennessee
Place died: Beat 1, 314 Stevens St.,

Dallas Village
Had lived there 2 years
Cause of death: "Wound by fall from
Buggy."
Occupation: Mill hand
Age: 37 years, 3 mo., 2 days
Married
Father: Mr. Blunt b. N. C.
Mother: Annie Blunt, b. N. C.
Reporter: W. C. Wheeler

Bohanan, Susie

Died 2 Sept. 1911
Born: Tennessee
Place died: City infirmary
Had been there 5 days
Duration of illness: 3 mo.
Cause of death: Kidney enlargement
Surgery: Yes
Occupation: Housewife
Age: 53 years
Reporter: O. B. Patton, M. D.

Bolden, Nannie

Died 28 July 1908 at 3: 00 a.m.
Born Tennessee
Place Died: Madison Co., Al
Had lived there 7 mo.
Duration of illness: 4 days
Cause of death: Malarial fever
Contributory cause: Feeble health
Occupation: Housewife
Age: 24
Father: John Harriman, b. Tenn
Mother: Eliza Harriman, b. Tenn
Reporter: J. B. Farley, M. D.

Bone, H. P.

Died 4 Sept 1911
Born: Mississippi
Place died: Near Maysville
Had lived there 50 years before death
Duration of illness: 3 years
Cause of death: Paralysis
Occupation: Dentist
Age: 73
Reporter: I. W. Howard, M. D.,
Maysville, Alabama

-To be continued-

TVGS 2007 Spring Seminar Saturday, March 31, 2007

Seminar fee \$30.00. Lunch provided, however, ONLY those who are pre-registered will be guaranteed a meal. Sorry, but we must tell our caterer in advance how many to prepare for.

Place: Auditorium, Huntsville Public Library

Our guest speaker this spring will be Shirley Wilson from Sumner County, Tennessee. She is a certified genealogist and a professional in the field since 1979. She authored several family histories and county record books plus taught genealogy at Volunteer State Community College for twenty-five years.

Shirley is past president of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society and currently serves as its Book Review editor. She also serves on the Tennessee Historical Records Advisory Board and is the retired director and one of the founders of the Sumner County Archives in Gallatin, Tenn.

SCHEDULE

9:00 – 10:00 – Registration, refreshments and book browsing

10:00 – 11:00 – **“Combining Good Old Fashioned Research with Internet Sources.”**

This is not an in-depth course on the internet, but rather a demonstration of how the internet can bring astounding help along with some of its drawbacks.

11:00 – 11:15 – Refreshments

11:15 – 12:00 – **“Research at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.”** This lecture will guide you to the best use of this outstanding facility.

12:00 – 1:15 – LUNCH

1:15 – 2:00 – **“What’s New in Genealogical Research.”** New developments are explored here, along with a session on the old Mero District and how it can help in your research.

2:00 – 2:15 – Refreshments

2:15 – 2:45 – Questions and Answers. **All questions must be written out and given to Shirley in advance.**

Clip and mail to TVGS, PO Box 1568, Huntsville, Al 35807 - **It must be received by March 28th** to guarantee you a meal.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Families of interest: (In order of importance)

Marshall County

Deed Record Book A

Part 13

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Deed – Simean Nichols to James May

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This indenture made this 14th day of February 1838 between Simean Nichols and Eliza Nichols, his wife, of the first part and James May of the other part. Wherewith the parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars this day has bargained, sold and conveyed to James May lot number 26 on the principal street of Claysville. The lot is 120 feet wide by 200 feet between the lots occupied by H. E. Wheeler and Thomas J. Connaly. The document was signed by Simean Nichols, Eliza Nichols and Booker Smith, Justice of the Peace.

Deed of Trust – James May to James H. Beard

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This indenture made this 18th day of January 1838 between James May of the first part and James H. Beard of the second part and Joseph G. Garrett and John O. Feemster of the third part all of the County of Marshall. Whereas the said James May is justly indebted to Margaret Raden and the parties of the third part having endorsed three notes for the total sum of three hundred dollars and the said James May is willing and desirous to secure to the parties of the third part. For the further sum of one dollar paid to James May by James H. Beard, the Trustee, and does grant, sell and convey to

the said James H. Beard the following property: One house and lot, the one on which N. B. Robertson now lives known in the Town of Claysville as lot number 26, also one sorrel horse now in the possession of James May. If payments are not made by the due date the property will be sold to the highest bidder after giving twenty days notice. The document was signed by James May, James H. Beard, J. G. Garrett and John O. Feemster. R. S. Randall attested that the parties above signed in his presence this 14 day of February, 1838.

Deed of Trust – Moses Birdwell to James Birdwell

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This indenture made this 10th day of February 1838 between Moses Birdwell of the first part and Josiah Tidwell, Trustee, of the second part and James Birdwell of the third part. Whereas the said Moses Birdwell is justly indebted to James Birdwell the amount of \$251.00 which debt the said Moses Birdwell is willing and desirous to secure to the said James Birdwell. For the sum of one dollar paid to the said Moses Birdwell by the said Josiah Tidwell and that the said Moses Birdwell has this day sold to the said Josiah Tidwell the following property: one black stud horse, two colts, three cows with five calves and eleven head of sheep, one bureau, two beds and furniture. If note is not paid when due Josiah

Tidwell will sell the above property to the highest bidder on the eighth of February 1839 after giving twenty days public notice. This document signed by Moses Birdwell, Josiah Tidwell and James Birdwell. Signatures were witnessed by R. S. Randall, clerk of the Circuit Court.

Slave Sale – John Starnes to A. G. Beard

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Know all men by these presents that John Starnes has this day bargained and sold to A. G. Beard for and in consideration of the sum of \$700.00 a negro girl named Ann about sixteen years old, which girl I warrant to be sound in body and mind and the title to be good. Signed by John Starnes and witnessed by R. S. Randall, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Bill of Sale – W. H. Powers to A. G. Beard

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Received of Arthur C. Beard \$1895.00 in full for the purchase of William, a negro man aged about twenty-four years, Will a boy, a woman aged about twenty years, Felix and Frank, sons of said Will the first aged about three and the latter about five years sold by me as Trustee to the highest bidder at public auction by virtue of a deed of trust executed by Benjamin ???. I do by these presents warrant and defend to the said Arthur G. Beard the right interest and claim to the said negro slaves. Signed by W. H. Powers, Trustee and witnessed by R. S. Randalls, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Deed – P. S. and Josiah Tidwell to Peter Starnes

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This indenture made this 14th day of January, 1837 between Peter Tidwell and his wife Margaret Tidwell, Josiah Tidwell and his wife Nancy Tidwell of the first part and Peter Starnes of the second part. Whereas the parties of the first part for and in

consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars paid by the said Peter Starnes do hereby sell and convey unto the said Peter Starnes a certain tract or parcel of land as described: The South part of the East half of the NE quarter of section two in Township seven of Range three East containing forty acres and 56/100 of an acre. Signed by P. S. Tidwell, M. Tidwell (her mark), Josiah Tidwell and Nancy Tidwell (her mark) and witnessed by R. S. Randall, Clerk of Circuit Court the 14th day of March 1838.

Deed of Trust – George Lay to Edward Bridges

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This indenture made and entered into this 5th day of March 1838 between George Lay of the first part and Edward Bridges of the second part and Manning and Ricketts and William S. Logan of the third part. Wherewith that said George Lay is justly indebted to the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama in the sum of \$575.00 in which the said Manning and Ricketts and William S. Logan is security bearing date the tenth day of March 1838. For further consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to the said George Lay hath given and sold and conveyed to said Edward Bridges, Trustee, one negro girl Sally, six cows with calves, thirty head of hogs and hereby grants the right and title of the above described property to Edward Bridges. Edward Bridges, Trustee, shall permit the said George Lay to remain in quiet and peaceful possession of the above said property until default is made in payment of said note. Upon default the property will be sold to the highest bidder after giving 30 days notice. Signed by George Lay, Edward Bridges, Manning and Ricketts and William S. Logan. R. S. Randall, Clerk of the Circuit Court, witnessed the signatures of the above the 18th day of March, 1838.

Deed of Trust – Michael Howel to Stephen Baxter

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This indenture made the 27th day of March 1838 between Michael Howel of the first part and Stephen Baxter of the second part and Percival M. Bush and Francis Martin of the third part. Wherewith the said Michael Howel is justly indebted to the said Percival M. Bush and Francis Martin in the sum of \$125.00 by notes due the 25th day of December, 1838, which debt the said Michael Howel is willing and desirous to secure to the parties of the third part. For and in consideration of one dollar paid to the said Michael Howel by the said Stephen Baxter the described property is sold to Stephen Baxter: One road wagon and yoke of steers. Michael Howel may retain possession of the property unless default of payment and then property will be sold to the highest bidder after giving twenty days public notice. Signed by Michael Howel, Stephen Baxter, P. M. Bush and Francis Martin. Signatures were witnessed by R. S. Randall, Clerk of the Circuit Court on the 26th day of March 1838.

Mortgage – John Doss to William B. Hooper

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This agreement indenture entered into the 19th day of March 1838 between John Doss of the first part and William B. Hooper of Tuscumbia in the County of Franklin of the second part. Wherewith that the said Doss in consideration of this indenture to McRae and Hooper of Tuscumbia and the further consideration of one dollar to him in hand paid hath sold and conveyed unto the said Hooper all the available accounts of sums and balances due the said Doss recorded in a certain account book delivered to the said Hooper. Never the less the said Doss binds himself to cooperate with such agent as the said Hooper may appoint. This note is

secured by a certain tract of land lying and situated about three miles South of Gunter's Landing containing 80 acres more or less. The said Doss is indebted to McRae and Hooper of Tuscumbia in the sum of \$1660.00 due on the 28th day of August 1837 credited by the sum of \$450.00 this day paid, the balance due and unpaid. Now the said Hooper binds himself by his agent to apply all such sums as may be collected to credit the said Doss note. The said Hooper leaves the said Doss in possession of land until such time as he may think fit to proceed to sell such land for the satisfaction of said debt. Signed by John Doss and William B. Hooper. Witnessed by R. S. Randall, Clerk of the Circuit Court on the 19th day of March 1838.

Deed of Trust – Hiram Ferrell to John M. Kelly

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This indenture made this 15th day of March 1838 between Hiram Ferrell of the first part and John M Kelly of the second part and Samuel M. Neal of the third part. Whereas the said Hiram Ferrell is justly indebted to the said Samuel M. Neal in the sum of \$2975.00 to be paid on the 15th of February 1839 as by note bearing date on the 15th of March 1838. The said Hiram Ferrell is willing and desirous to secure by this indenture wherefore that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said Hiram Ferrell paid by said John M. Kelly the said Hiram Ferrell has granted and sold to the said John M. Kelly that tract or parcel of land containing forty acres more or less it being the Northeast fourth of the South East of Section one in Township 10 of Range 2 East. Also his following slaves: Nancy, sixteen years of age, Mass, twenty years old, Mary, four years old, Sarah, two years old and one road wagon and two yolk of oxen, two clocks, one stove, one rifle gun, three beds, bedsteads and furniture, four trunks, one pair mill stones. John M. Kelly shall permit Hiram Ferrell to remain in quiet

and peaceable possession of the said tract or parcel of land together with the aforesaid slaves and other personal property and take the profits for his own use until payment of \$2975.00. Upon default the property will be sold to the highest bidder after fifteen days public notice. Signed by Hiram Ferrell, John M. Kelly and Samuel W. Neel. R. S. Randall, Clerk of the Circuit Court witnessed the signatures on the 16th day of March 1838.

Deed of Trust – Hiram Ferrell to John M. Kelly

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This indenture made this 10th day of March 1808 between Hiram Ferrell of the first part and John M. Kelly of the second part and Samuel W. Neel of the third part. Whereas the said Hiram Ferrell is justly indebted to the said Samuel W. Neel in the sum of \$435.00 to be paid on the first day of November 1838 as by a note bearing the date of the 15th of March 1838. For the consideration of one dollar paid to the said Hiram Ferrell by the said John M. Kelly the said Hiram Ferrell hath granted and sold the following personal property: three hundred bushels of corn, sixty head of hogs, five cows and calves, twenty-five head of stock cattle and one mule. John M. Kelly shall permit Hiram Ferrell to remain in possession of said above described property until the payment of the said sum of \$425.00 is received. If default in said note then property will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction after giving fifteen days public notice. Signed by Hiram Ferrell, John M. Kelly and Samuel M. Neel. Signatures were witnessed by James Nixon as acting Justice of the Peace on the 16th day of March, 1838.

Deed of Trust – Calvin Hinds to Joseph Hinds

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This indenture made this 26th day of March 1838 between Calvin Hinds of the first part and Joseph Hinds of the second part and Caleb M. Ragens of the third part. Wherewith that the said Calvin Hinds is justly indebted to the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Huntsville and the said Caleb M. Ragens having endorsed for the said Calvin Hinds for the sum of \$225.00 on an extended note falling due 11th March 1839 and the 11th March 1840 and the said Calvin Hinds also indebted to the said Caleb M. Ragens in the sum of \$71.18 due by note 1st January 1838. The said Calvin Hinds is desirous and willing to secure to the said Caleb M. Ragens the above debts. For the consideration of one dollar paid to the said Calvin Hinds by the said Joseph Hinds, Trustee, doth bargain, sell and convey the following property: two sorrel mares, one three years old and the other one year old, one mans saddle, four cows and calves, two yearlings, twenty head of hogs, two guns, one trunk, one bed and furniture, one hundred bushels of corn, three hundred bundles of fodder and the crop for the year 1838. Joseph Hinds shall permit Calvin Hinds to remain in possession of above described property until payment is received. If default of said note then the described property shall be sold at public auction on the 20th day of March 1839 to the highest bidder after giving twenty days notice in three or more places in the County. Signed by Calvin Hinds. Joseph Hinds and C. M. Ragens. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the Circuit Court, certified the document was filed in his office on the 14th day of April 1838.

Deed of Trust – Charles and George Taylor to Beard, Black and Garret

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This indenture triparte made and concluded this 6th day of March 1838 by and between Charles Taylor and Dolly Taylor, his wife, George W. Taylor and Frances, his wife, of the first part, Arthur C Beard, William Black

and Joseph G. Garret of the second part and Arthur C. Macfarlane of the third part. Whereas the said George Taylor and Charles Taylor are indebted to the said Beard, Black and Garret in the sum of \$535.00. The said George and Charles being willing and anxious to secure the said Beard, Black and Garret in payment of the said note. The said parties of the first part do grant bargain and sell unto the said Arthur C. Macfarlane in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the said Macfarlane for that certain tract of land being in the County of Marshall it being the West half of the South East quarter of Section twenty, Township seven Range three East containing 80 and 50/100 acres. The said Arthur C. Macfarlane shall suffer and permit the said George Taylor and Charles Taylor to reside and occupy and use the said tract of land until the first day of February 1839 and until the said George and Charles make default in the payment. If default in payment the above described property will be sold to the highest bidder after giving three weeks notice in three written advertisements, two put up in the town of Claysville and the other at Gunter's Landing. Signed by Charles Taylor (his mark), Dolly Taylor (her mark), George Taylor (his mark), Frances Taylor, J. G. Garret, A. C. Beard. William Black and A. H. C. Macfarlane. Signatures were personally witnessed by Louis Wyeth, Judge of the County Court on the 6th day of March 1839. Richard S. Randles, Clerk of the County Court, certified the document was recorded the 10th day of April 1838 and affixed his personal seal not having a public seal at the office in Claysville this 25th day of April 1838.

**Estate of Richard Kirby,
January 30, 1869**

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It is ordered by the court that citation issue to F. M. Kirby as administrator of said estate requiring him to appear in this court on or before the second Monday in August 1869

to file his accounts and evidence and statements of settlement of his said administration.

August 2, 1869: This day come Francis M. Kirby administrator of said estate and filed his statements, accounts, vouchers and evidences for a final settlement.

April 22, 1871: It is ordered by the court that citation issue to F. M. Kirby as administrator of said estate requiring him to appear in this court on or before 12th day of June 1871 to complete the settlement of the administration account already filed in said estate.

August 1, 1872: To any Sheriff of the State of the State of Alabama. You are hereby commanded without delay to summon F. M. Kirby, as the administrator of the estate of Richard Kirby deceased, to personally appear before the Honorable Judge of the Probate for Marshall County on the 9th day of September 1872 to file his accounts, vouchers, evidences and statements. Witness L. D. Lusk Judge of the Probate /Court.

August 14, 1872: This day came Francis M. Kirby, the executor of said estate and filed his statements for a final settlement. Records having been examined and approved it is ordered that notice of a settlement be set for a hearing on the 9th day of September 1872. It is further ordered that John Taylor be appointed guardian to represent John Kirby, Keela Kirby, Francis W. Kirby, Richard Walter Kirby, John Romans and Caladonia Romans and to protect their interests.

September 9, 1872: That the heirs of said decedent, their age, sex and residence as far as known are as follows: Francis M. Kirby and John S. Kirby both of full age and resides in Marshall County, Alabama. Polly Gossett of Jackson County who died since her father. There is no administrator of her estate. Selina Davis a daughter of said in testate, she also died since her father and no administrator has been appointed, Sarah Gossett, a daughter of full age resides in

Jackson County. Richard Kirby, a son, of full age and resides in Jackson County, Harriet Morgan, daughter of full age and resides with her husband James Romans in Texas. The following children of Samuel W. Kirby, who was a son of decedent, and died before his father, to wit: Jenifer Brown married to ___ Brown: 2nd, Matilda to one Young Sellers both of whom are of full age, these all reside in Jackson County, John Kirby, ___ Kirby, a girl, Francis M. Kirby, Richard Walter Kirby, these four last are minors and three first of them reside in Jackson County and the last lives in this county of Marshall. Also the children of Martha Romans who was a daughter of the testator and died before him to wit: John Romans, a minor, Caladonia Romans, a minor, both of whom reside in Texas.

October 12, 1872, Special Term: John J. Sibley was appointed special administrator of the estates of the said Polly, Jesse and Selina Davis, deceased. Selina Davis, a daughter of decedent, departed this life since the death of her father He has appeared often in court to contest said settlement. The said administrator has received the sum of \$1400.00 in money and has paid out expenses and justly debts in the sum of \$459.88 leaving a balance of \$940.22.

Income:
Sale of the slave, Charles, \$1200.00
Sale of personal property 140.00
Sale of cotton 60.00

The decedent left the administrator supervising the following sons and daughters: Francis M. Kirby, John Kirby, Polly Gosset who died since said decedent, Selina Davis who died since her father, Sarah Gossett, Richard Kirby, Harriet Morgan, Hilda Romans, children of Samuel Kirby who was a son of testator and died before his father to wit: Temperance Brown and Matilda Sellers, both of whom are married, John Kirby, Keel Kirby, Francis M. Kirby, Richard Walter Kirby, minors. Also the following children of Martha Romans who was a daughter of said testator and died

before him, John Romans and Caledonia Romans, both minors. It is now made known and duly proven to the court by the said R. M. Kirby has paid out the following amounts:

To himself the sum of	\$94.22
John L. Kirby	94.22
Selina Davis	100.00
Sarah Gossett	100.00
Richard Kirby	100.00
Harriett Morgan	100.00
Hilda Romans	94.22
Martha Romans	94.22

It is ascertained the heirs of Samuel W. Kirby, deceased, who was a son of Richard Kirby will each receive \$15.67 to wit: Temperance Brown, Matilda Sellers, John Kirby, Keela Kirby, Francis M. Kirby and Richard W. Kirby.

**Estate of Richardson H. Doss,
November 10th, 1868**

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This day came Elleana T. Doss, administrator of said estate, and file his application in writing and praying an order of the court to sell the crops of said estate and on hand. The court decrees the said administrator shall proceed as requested.

January 12, 1869. This day came Elleanah T. Doss, administrator, to report accounting of the sale of a lot of corn belonging to said estate. The sum received for the crop sold was \$16.40. Forty-one bushels of corn were sold to John M. Roden for forty cents per bushel.

Not dated. This day came Elleanah T. Doss, administrator requesting an order to sell land of the decedent. It is therefore ordered and decreed that said application be granted and for the land to be sold at public outcry after having first given public notice at three consecutive weeks.

November 10, 1868. Elleanah T. Doss advised the court that proceedings to sell real estate proceeded as ordered but at near the date of the sale the flooding of the river and creeks prevented purchasers to arrive at sale and upon advice of the Honorable Judge May the sale did not proceed. The date of real estate was then set for the 24th of January 1869. The administrator then petitioned the court praying that \$500.00 worth, in the value of said real estate, be trusted to the widow Lucinda Doss now intermarried with one Fraley and the children of said deceased all of whose names are set forth in said application. The administrator also requests three persons be name as appraisers of said real estate.

November 10, 1868. The administrator names the children of the said deceased who were under the age of twenty-one years as follows: Mary T. Doss who is now intermarried with Bohard, Marthena Doss, Samuel H. Doss, Amanda Doss, John T. Doss, Reuben Doss and Victoria Doss, all of whom were members of said decedent's family at the time of his death and are residents of Marshall County. The widow of the deceased, Lucinda Doss now intermarried with one Fraley and is believed to reside in the state of Kentucky.

The administrator reported the estate was insolvent as of the 15th of July 1867 and further requests the homestead be set aside for the widow and children if it does not damage the real property and if not then the property be sold and \$500.00 be set aside for the widow and children. One tract containing 80 acres described as follows: The South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section 22 of Township 6, Range five East, and the North west quarter of the South East quarter of Section 22, Township 6, Range 5 East which lies partly in Marshall and partly in Jackson Counties. (A lengthy description of nearby land parcels was also described).

January 18, 1869. The court ordered that Byron MacFarlan, M. Grantham (?), and Samuel Johnson be appointed to set apart

\$500.00 worth of land including the homestead or such portion thereof as can be selected without injury to the remaining portion of the estate.

March 1, 1869. Final Settlement. John Scott, the regular guardian, is appointed by the court to represent the minors' interest. The administrator has received of the sale of assets the sum of \$132.05 and payment of just debts amounted to \$222.11.

March 30, 1869. The administrator, Elleanah T. Doss, has resigned as administrator and has now left the state. The court appoints James McDonald as the general administrator and it is recognized the settlement of the estate is incomplete.

May 24, 1869. The administrator, James McDonald approaches the court to report the creditors of the estate say that the former administrator did not sell all lands and are demanding that remaining lands be sold for payment of debts. The court agrees to the sale of remaining lands after proper notification.

October 26, 1869. The administrator reported to the court that the remaining lands were sold the 22nd day of July 1869 to Mary T. Goss, the highest bidder, for the sum of \$600.00. A later court order was issued to amend prior orders to insert the name Martha Goss to replace the name Mary T. Goss.

May 9, 1871. James McDonald, administrator, came to court with the final settlement. John J. Sibley was in court as guardian of the minors. The administrator has received the sum of \$763.65 in money.

March 31, 1873. All of the proceeds in sum of \$763.65 have been paid and the estate remains insolvent.

**Estate of Bartley C. Johnson –
September 1867**

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September 1867: This day came Elizabeth Johnson and P. M. Bush administrators of said estate filed their statements and accounts for a partial settlement of their administration. William May be is appointed to act as guardian for and to protect the interests of Mary E., Ellen, Eliza, Francis, Elizabeth and Bartley C. Johnson, the minor heirs of said deceased.

2nd Monday of September 1867. This being the day set to hear from the administrators the accounts filed. The administrators have received the sum of \$4,490.84. The sum of the just debts amount to \$2,280.97 thus having in their hands the sum of \$2,281.87. It is further ordered that Elizabeth L. Johnson, administrator of decedent and widow of same retain in her hands as one of the administrators the sum of \$456.37. Administrator P. M. Bush to receive the following for the following heirs:

Mary Ellen. Johnson	\$365.10
Eliza Johnson	365.10
Francis Johnson	365.10
Bartley C. Johnson	365.10
Elizabeth Johnson	365.10

The court appointed William May as guardian of the above name minors.

March 19, 1867. The administrators submitted a report of estate sales dated and filed March 10, 1867 as follows:

One pair of boots	\$7.00
Two leather straps	1.00
One scabbard for a sword	1.00
Boots	2.00
One pair shoes	2.25
Two mending boots	.75
Leash	1.00
Two pounds of wool	1.20
Interest for four years	3.58
Interest for partial year	<u>1.35</u>
Total	20.53

May 12, 1867. Paid out to P. M. Davis \$108.40 for note and interest from October 1861.

April 23, 1867. John Johnson presented a note payable to himself for \$850 and interest from July 16, 1860.

November 26, 1867. Received from the sale of cotton and twine the sum of \$295.10.

September 13, 1869. The administrators come to court to report a partial settlement. Assets sold at auction brought the sum of \$469. Recent payments amounted to \$702.00 leaving a balance in the estate of \$213.00.

November 5, 1869. The court reviewed notes payable to the estate that appeared doubtful to collect. Notes were due from Eli Campbell, \$238.00 dated Oct 13, 1862, Josiah Ditto, James Ditto, George W. Allen, \$238.00 dated Oct 13, 1862 and G. W. Allen, \$125.00

November 5, 1869. Elizabeth Johnson, administrator and widow of her husband petitions the court for a life estate to be assigned to her in one third of certain lands for her dower. She claims some lands were purchased during the time of their marriage. The judge approved her dowry to receive one third of 760 acres held in the estate.

January 3, 1870. As children become of age their estate settlement of lands were portioned out to them. Elizabeth Johnson is now entitled to dower. Five uninterested parties were selected by the court to equally divide the lands. They were Isaac Henry, R. C. Stearns, J. W. Stearns and B. L. Matthews.

August 14, 1871. The administrators filed the final settlement of the estate. Income was \$1529.93 and expenses were \$1342.19 leaving cash balance of \$186.94.

Court records of distribution of the estate to minors continued into 1873.

Things You Should Know

Confederate Newspaper Project

Coy Michael sent in a great new website on Confederate soldiers with a new twist. This website, which is updated constantly, is in the beginning stages right now, and ultimately will contain published war stories of Confederate soldiers, taken from southern newspapers. It also contains book reviews on Civil War novels and true accounts and offers reciprocal links for history groups or heritage organizations.

Be sure to check this website out periodically for changes, and the editors are receptive to information you may have to offer them as well. See:

<http://www.csanewspapers.com/>.

Bellefonte Cemetery Jackson County

The Alabama Historical Commission recently informed us that the Bellefonte Cemetery in Jackson County is now listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. This is a first for Jackson County!

Genealogy Common Sense

Arlene H. Eakle recently wrote a cute story about how Santa Claus comes to see us, leaving evidence that he was here, even if we didn't actually see him. She used that analogy to say that we tend to think we know the answers to our research questions even before we have the evidence. Therefore we instantly reject what the records tell us if it doesn't agree with what we have already assumed. Whew!

She goes on to say that we should constantly question our data, write down

what we know to be true, use math to align our dates and remember that a generation is between 20 and 50 years – does it match with what we think is right?

Constantly gather facts when we find them because old records are continually being published. Something that you discovered 20 years ago may now be proven wrong with information that has just come to light.

Most people assume a fact, find enough information to “prove” it is right, then stop their search. Instead, Ms. Eakle encourages us to look at records and evidence, then let that information tell us what is true.

What does Santa Claus have to do with genealogy, she asks? “The evidence of belief is quite different from the evidence of fact.”

DAR Records Online

Great news for DAR members trying to find additional information on their ancestors, cousins, or garner information for supplemental records: the DAR Genealogical Research System can now be accessed through your home computer. You must already be a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and know your member number. The web site is: <http://members.dar.org>. On the left column is the word “Research” and with the user-friendly process, you can locate all kinds of great information.

For example, I was able to find out that two of my ancestors lines are closed due to lack of information, and find out what the conflicting information is! I also discovered another ancestor that I had not proven, nor did I even know she (yes, she!) had given valuable information to the Continental Army.

Correcting Information

No doubt, all of us have come across ancestors' (and maybe even our own) birth, death, and marriage certificates that have erroneous information on them. How do you correct them?

Family Tree Magazine tells us that, depending on what state and county you are in, you may need to hire an attorney to get it done legally, possibly even with a court order. If someone has died recently and the wrong information was supplied by a funeral director or some other agency/person, the person who gave the wrong information can request a correction rather easily.

To save you the most time and energy, before doing anything, call the state vital-records office and ask them what the state's procedure is. Remember to contact the state where the event (birth/death/marriage) happened, not the state you live in now!

Frances Powell

One of our founding members, Frances Spencer Powell, passed away on Monday, January 8, 2007. She was with us when the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society was organized in 1965 and was active in our organization for a very long time. Her daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Crowe was a past editor of *Valley Leaves*. In addition to Libby, who now lives in Navarre, Florida, Frances is survived by two sons, Robert T. Powell of Huntsville and William J. Powell of St. Petersburg, Florida. Our sympathy, as well as our appreciation, goes to her family.

Widows' Dower Rights

Dr. Paul Drake of Crossville, Tennessee, has written several wonderful books on genealogy. He passed on some interesting information on dowers. Dowers are defined as the property retained by the widow after

her husband's death. It sounds rather simple and straightforward, but there have been many complications over time, and laws vary from colony to colony, or state to state.

Originally, the dower, or right to retain property by the widow, pertained to all real estate the husband bought or inherited during his married life or to real estate she brought to the marriage. The husband was not allowed to sell or transfer her rights to the property unless she gave a sworn consent before a magistrate or other legal representative. In some cases, she would have been taken aside and questioned outside her husband's presence so he could not threaten her in any way. The full explanation of her rights would be given to her and she would be asked if she was giving away or relinquishing her rights voluntarily, without duress.

If a buyer acquired land without formal and legal permission, he would assume the liability of her dower, as if he were married to her. In other words, upon her husband's death, the new owner would lose some of his property to the widow, even though he had paid for all of it.

Centuries ago, the dower system was created so that widows or abandoned wives and their children would have some support to survive. Churches had been known to take care of widows and orphans, but in the case of small parishes, it was sometimes impossible to provide the necessary money, even when the members of the church were asked to contribute as well.

Gradually, the government began to provide help for those without income or dowers. After legally establishing poverty through sworn statements, parish vestry, or some other recognized means, these widows and orphans (and later men as well) would be sent to live in "poor farms," "old ladies' homes," or "children's homes." They were also known as asylums, not to be confused with asylums for the mentally insane.

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Quarterly News Highlights

By

Dorothy Scott Johnson

TVGS has a quarterly exchange program. After each quarterly is logged in it is given to the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library which has resulted in the Heritage Room having an excellent quarterly collection. Emphasis has been on the areas along the migratory routes from the east coast to North Alabama but is not limited to that area.

Since we are the first to see these quarterlies, we thought our membership might appreciate being made aware of some of the outstanding articles from these quarterlies. If you like this series, please let us know at dot.johnson@knology.net. Please mention either Valley Leaves or TVGS in the subject heading so we will recognize it as legitimate mail.

Family Tree Quarterly (Cobb Co., Ga. Gen. Soc., PO Box 1413, Marietta, GA, 30061-1413.)

Among other good articles in this quarterly is an outstanding one simply entitled "Exley Genealogy" by Vincent C. Exley. It outlines some errors in other previously published material and shows proof of the corrections. Mr. Exley backed up his statements with 41 footnotes and detailed facts from original sources – not someone else's interpretation or research.

The early Exley name started out in Germany, as far as has been traced, as Öchslin, Oexlin and Oechslin to Exley.

This family is traced back to 1645 in the Territory of Ulm, Germany. This is an excellent example of quality research.

Even if you are not an Exley, this article is an excellent example from which you can apply techniques of research to your own family

Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Topeka, Kansas.) P. O. Box 4048, Topeka, KS 66604-0048.)

Much has been written about "Bloody Kansas" and the "Sack of Lawrence," and, of course, glamorized by Hollywood. In the April 2006 issue

of *Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly*, an article by George E. Taylor of Lawrence is excellent and warrants reading. Mr. Taylor calls our attention to a little known fact in Lawrence's history, that being the role the state of Georgia played in the history of Lawrence. In 1856 Georgia recommended that \$100,000 be appropriated to aid and encourage the immigration of its citizens to Kansas Territory to ensure Kansas became a slave state. Later, a Kansas Abolitionist wrote that they wanted men and arms, not money, then asked for 1000 well-armed men, 1000 Sharp rifles, cavalry and artillery. All-in-all, this is an interesting article.

Madison County Musings (Vol. 25, No. 2, Summer 2006, Madison Co. Gen. & Hist. Soc., P. O. Box 427, Huntsville, Arkansas 72740).

Is there anything more fascinating than an old, old letter? It is as if the writer is reaching out from across the decades to tell you what things were like back then. Such is the case with an article entitled "Wilson Family Letters From Old Trunk" by Pat Donat. This family migrated from David Co., NC to Hickory Creek in

Warren Co., Tenn., to Highland, Miss and finally, on to Madison Co., Ark in 1855.

The letters edited and described in this interesting article tell of agricultural conditions in Arkansas, gives some family information, gives a glimpse into the health of the citizens, describes a killing (that of Dr. James Boone, a second cousin of Daniel) and also talks about the Comanche threat.

The experiences of the writers probably parallel those of most if not all the early Arkansas settlers.

Roots Along the River Vol. 26, No. 2, Spring 2006. (Baton Rouge Gen & Hist Soc., P. O. Box 80565 SE Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0565.)

Leroy E. Willie has included in this issue a most interesting and helpful 1724 Census of the German Coast along the Mississippi River above New Orleans.

This 13-page article is also supplemented by other census reports, church registers and various official sources

If you have early German roots along the lower Mississippi then reading this article is a must. Just one example of information included is on that of Michael Horn of Limbal, near Mayence. Catholic, 30 years old. His wife and dau. age eight are in the household. Had 15 verges cleared. Has lived 15 days on the place. Came from "the old village." His sickness prevents him from succeeding. His dau. married Louis Toups. In 1726 he is listed as having five arpents cleared.

Not only are ages given but the status of the farmer's health is sometimes given, his wife's name, age, children, anyone else living in the

household, number of arpents cleared, number of livestock, etc.

Bulletin of the Genea. Soc. Of Old Tryon Co., NC (P. O. Box 938, Forest City, NC 28043. Vol. 34, No. 2, May 2006.

I can never say enough about the quality of material used in this quarterly. Many of today's quarterlies use very late material such as that taken from records of the last 25 to 50 years. People need material of the pre-1900 period. This quarterly supplies that need.

Some of the articles in this issue include Rutherford Co. 1819 Road Docket and Cleveland County Record of Estates beginning in May 1842, plus many other very early records.

LeRaconteur Vol. 26, No. 2, June 2006 (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane, P. O. Box 1547, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-1547).

We automatically think of Ellis Island in New York when we hear of new arrivals in this country. Few of us realize the importance of New Orleans as a port of entry. A declaration of intention was the first step in becoming a U. S. citizen so New Orleans naturally has many naturalization records. A number of these are found in the New Orleans District Court records, now housed in the National Archive Southwest Region in Fort Worth, Texas. Many of these records have been microfilmed and Ann DeVillier Riffel has extracted the New Orleans declarations of intention. They are being carried in this issue of *LaRaconteur*.

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Book Review

When Spirits Walk

By

Jacquelyn Procter Gray

Illustrated by

Leslie E. Gray

Purchase from: Shaver's Book Store, 2362 Whitesburg Dr., South, Huntsville, Al 35801. 1-(256) 536-1604.

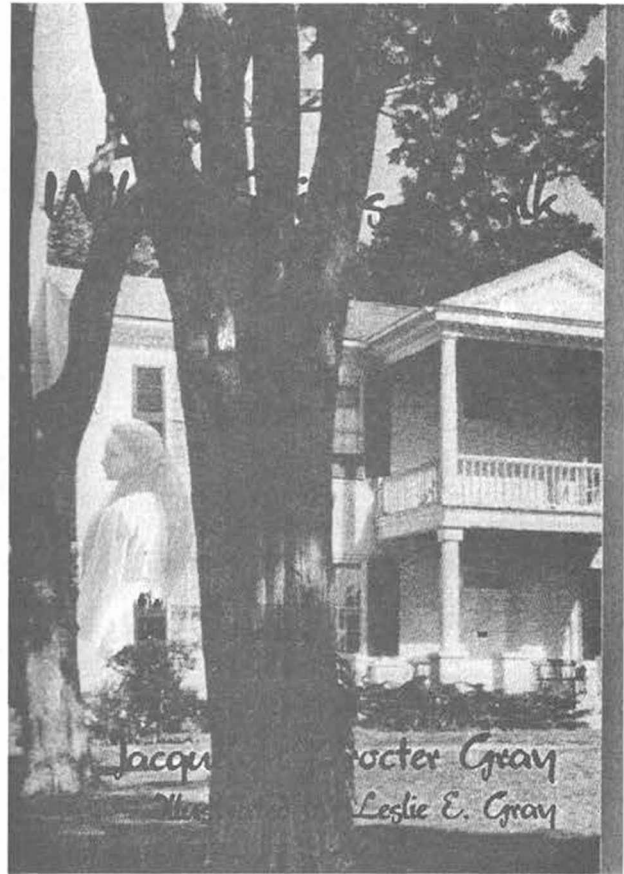
Once in a while a book comes along that entertains and teaches, not to mention makes us relax into a world of enchantment. *When Spirits Walk* is such a book. Everyone loves a ghost story and Ms. Gray has given us seventeen delightful stories in this small book.

Many of the seventeen stories given in this book are quite familiar to us, i.e., the ghost of Sally Carter and the ghost of Hazel Green. But I've never known them to be so refreshingly given without fake flourishes of an author's imagination and hearsay. Ms. Gray has stuck to the facts. She has gone back to the sources including court records where available. A tremendous amount of research has gone into the background of these stories and is reflected in the believability of each.

Not the least of this book's charms are the illustrations by the author's beautiful daughter, Leslie, who, incidentally is also pictured on the cover.

This delightful book would be a welcome gift for any occasion. Enjoy.

- Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson



Now Accepting Ads in *Valley Leaves*

As announced in the March 2003 issue of *Valley Leaves*, the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society is now accepting advertising from individuals and societies. The subject matter must pertain to genealogy or legitimate historical material. TVGS retains the right to refuse an ad from any individual or organization.

TVGS has published *Valley Leaves* for over 35 years. During that time, our reputation has built and our membership grown. We presently exchange with over 100 societies or libraries and boast several hundred paid members. Readership is in the thousands.

If you have just published a family history, advertising in *Valley Leaves* will make potential buyers aware of the existence of your product and promote sales due to our wide readership.

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Book Reviews

Book reviews are still free upon receipt of a book. Once the book is reviewed we donate it to the Huntsville Public Library. One might do well, however, to follow up the review with an ad in the following issue.

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